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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4549

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER COMPLETED FORTY-MINUTE CONVERSATION
WITH TERRORISTS AT 11:45 PM LOCAL TIME, DURING WHICH FOLLOWING
POINTS WERE MADE:

A. GOJ HAS CONTACTED SEVEN RED ARMY GUERILLAS HELD IN
JAPAN AND IS PROCEEDING FOR THEIR RELEASE. HOWEVER, ONLY
FIVE OF SEVEN WISH TO LEAVE JAPAN; TERRORISTS
SAKAGUCHI AND MATSUURA DO NOT WISH TO GO. (THIS INFORMATION
SAME AS REPORTED TOKYO 10734.)

B. JAL DC-8-62 PREPARED TO DEPART HANEDA ASAP
AFTER 6:00 AM TOKYO TIME.

C. JAL WANTS GOJ TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY OF
CREW AND AIRCRAFT, AND TO SECURE OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING
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CLEARANCES. TERRORISTS REFUSED TO REVEAL ULTIMATE

DESTINATION AND INDICATED THEY BELIEVE NO COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT THEM; THEREFORE, DESTINATION WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL PLANE IN AIR AFTER TERRORISTS IN K.L. HAVE BEEN PICKED UP.

\$. JAL SAYS CREW OF SIX WILL BE NEEDED IN COCKPIT, FIVE IN CABIN AND FIVE MORE AS GUARDS FOR RELEASED TERRORISTS. ALSO REQUIRED ARE ONE CHIEF PILOT AND FIVE GOJ OFFICIALS.

E. TERRORISTS APPEARED TO ACCEPT NECESSITY OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ON AIRCRAFT, PROVIDED ALL BUT ESSENTIAL CREW GET OFF IN K.L.

F. TERRORISTS HAVE ASKED WHETHER 10TH AND 11TH FLOORS OF BUILDING HAVE BEEN VACATED. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT IF SUBJECT RAISED AGAIN IT IS PLANNED TO TELL TERRORISTS THAT PERSONNEL REQUIRED ON 11TH FLOOR TO KEEP SWITCHBOARD OPEN.

G. TERRORISTS HAVE ASKED FOR NEXT STATUS REPORT FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY AT 3:00 AM LOCAL TIME.

2. "M HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE HAS ARRIVED ON SCENE AND HAS ASSUMED CHARGE OF GOM COMMAND CENTER ON GROUND FLOOR OF BUILDING. IN ADDITION, 10 COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER MANICKAVASAGAM AND POLICE INSPECTOR GENERAL HANIFF OMAR ARE HERE. GHAZALI SHAFIE HAS HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. DURING FIRST MEETING (PRIOR TO MOST RECENT CONTACT WITH TERRORISTS), GHAZALI ACCUSED GOJ OF MOVING TOO SLOWLY AND GOING BACK ON ITS COMMITMENTS. (IN OUR VIEW, IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS TACK WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED.) HOWEVER, IN SECOND MEETING AFTER TALK WITH TERRORISTS, GHAZALI TOOK CALMER APPROACH AND APPEARED SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS UP TO NOW.
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